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LB 1125

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Beutler. Withdraw? The next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Goll. This is Request #2697, Senator.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President and colleagues, on your desks I have placed a copy of amendment to 1125. It is Request #2697. (Goll amendment appears on page 2268 of Legislative Journal.)

CLERK: Senator?

SENATOR GOLL: Sir?

CLERK: I have...are you on 2697?

SENATOR GOLL: Yes.

CLERK: Okay, excuse me, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

SENATOR GOLL: 2697 is exactly the same amendment that was printed in the Journal, however, Policy Research has placed it in a different section and I would like to tell you about it. I have also placed on your desks a copy of a letter that I have written to all of you which states the concerns I have for LB 1125 that I have had since I listened to the committee hearing. The amendment which I have offered is to make it clear that in LB 1125 it will not authorize the state to get into the telephone business. A state financed telecommunications system or access system would have a devastating impact upon small telephone companies in this state as well as their customers. With the breakup of the old AT&T local phone companies have already been forced to raise local service rates to make up for the lost revenue which used to come from the long distance rates charged by AT&T. Funds from that old tool pool used to make up 65 percent of small phone company revenue. Now this amounts to only 35 percent with the customers of the phone company making up the difference in higher basic service rates. If